

## TOWN OF BARNSTEAD

### TOWN HALL

### SELECTMEN'S MEETING

### MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 24, 2015

**Attendance:** Chairman Gordon Preston, Priscilla Tiede, Richard Duane, David Kerr, and Edward Tasker.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Non-Public Discussion:** **On a motion** to go into non-public session at 5:04 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (b) made by P. Tiede and seconded by E. Tasker; the Board voted: G. Preston, yes; P. Tiede, yes; E. Tasker, yes; R. Duane, yes; and D. Kerr, yes. The Board came out of non-public discussion at 5:40 p.m. and on a motion by E. Tasker, seconded by P. Tiede the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes of the meeting.

**Appointments:** The Board met with Police Chief Joseph McDowell regarding his proposed 2016 budget requests for dues & subscriptions and E. Tasker asked for a breakdown of the items. The group discussed tasers, determining that the Chief's proposed plan of 6 tasers and cameras was not cost effective at this time. E. Tasker asked how expensive the tasers were and McDowell told him \$900 each and he has 6 which he is testing as they have a shelf life. P. Tiede suggested \$6,000 for the line item and the Chief agreed. E. Tasker pointed out that the Chief currently has over \$3000 left in that line item in this 2015 budget. McDowell mentioned that he has a credit at Riley's from when he cancelled an order. P. Tiede pointed out that they had bought cameras this year so new ones were not necessary. The group briefly discussed needing permission to have the cameras run when entering a home and E. Tasker commented that permission is not needed in a traffic stop.

**Public Input:** At 5:50 p.m. G. Preston opened the meeting for public comment. There being none, the public input session was closed at 5:51 p.m.

**Space Needs Committee (SNC):** Michelle Rosado, Chair of the SNC, Tim Rice, Principal of the BES, and Superintendent, John Fauci presented conceptual design plans, for proposed changes at the existing school site. The proposal is based on current and not future growth needs. Two options were prepared by HL Turner Associates and both options consider the need for a new gymnasium, a band room, a music, art and health education area, and science labs. Based upon a survey done by the SNC, both options allocate a 1,000 square foot area for SAU and Town Office Space. Option 1 proposes a 31,000 square foot building, while Option 2 would be 35,000 square feet and both expansions would be set back from Maple Street. There were questions about security if Town Office Space were to be located in the school building. T. Rice explained that construction would be proposed in two phases to allow for use of the existing portable classrooms until the new space is available for occupation. The SNC prefers Option 2. D. Kerr asked about proposed parking at the site. T. Rice stated that Option 2 would actually increase the number of parking spaces to 104. There was discussion about the student

population projections that were considered in developing the two proposals. T. Rice explained that the proposals were based upon a projected increase in enrollment to 600 students over a ten year period. This does not consider the impact of the Town's building permit moratorium. E. Tasker asked if multi-story construction was considered and was told that a single story option is more cost effective. Installation of elevators and other associated features would be costly. D. Kerr asked if the SNC had considered utilizing the property on Hannah Nutter Road for school construction. T. Rice explained that the required infrastructure improvements for roads and utilities would be cost prohibitive. J. Fauci asked the Board if they have an interest in the 1,000 square foot area proposed for Town Office Space and it was a consensus of the Board that the space is not nearly large enough and therefore they have no interest at this time. It was also a consensus of the Board that Option 2 was the preferred option to pursue. E. Tasker asked about the quality of the sand behind the school as a possible Town resource. He also asked if the School Board would consider giving the Hannah Nutter Road property to the Town, so that they might utilize it. S. Mulcahy arrived for his appointment with the Board, and added that the soil behind the school is probably only about three feet of useable material, underlain by hard pan. Shawn told the Board that the new ambulance chassis is in but because of the delay in the product, the company gave them a 2016 model (as opposed to the 2015 that was ordered) and now are asking for another \$1,500. Shawn stated that he would speak with the company.

**Non-Public Discussion:** **On a motion** to go into non-public session at 6:21 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (b) made by P. Tiede and seconded by D. Kerr; the Board voted: G. Preston, yes; P. Tiede, yes; E. Tasker, yes; R. Duane, yes; and D. Kerr, yes. The Board came out of non-public discussion at 6:45 p.m. and on a motion by P. Tiede, seconded by E. Tasker, the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes of that meeting.

**ZBA Chairman** D. Brown, and Vice-Chair, Eileen Murley addressed the Board with some operational concerns. G. Preston stated that he wants to make sure that all letters relative to ZBA hearings are filed properly and readily available. The Vice Chair expressed that she feels there is a disconnect in communications between applicants, the office clerk, the recording secretary and the ZBA. It is her opinion that lack of conformity could lead to appeals to ZBA decisions by applicants and/or abutters. She feels that the person who is interacting with the public and recording the minutes should either be the same person, or that the clerk should also attend the ZBA meetings. R. Duane noted that there have been some discrepancies in the language in the notices that are published in the newspaper vs. posted in public places. K. Montgomery, as Office Manager, is working on establishing a communication process that will solve this potential problem. It was agreed that there will be increased communication between Chair D. Brown and M. J. Dascoli about any aspect of applications before the ZBA. This should resolve the concerns. The Chair will review all notices before they go out. E. Murley felt that M. J. Dascoli's attendance at ZBA meeting would be a good training opportunity.

**New Business:** K. Montgomery noted that there some Class VI Town Roads could be designated as emergency lanes without Town Meeting approval; thus allowing the town to expend funds for required repairs, such as replacement of culverts, without liability of future improvements to these. The Acting

Fire Chief will be asked to prepare a list of roads. The health insurance session for Town Employees was well attended. The Board discussed the insurance buy out options to municipal insurance. Currently, the employee can opt out of the health insurance policy benefit for \$2,500 or \$3,000 (depending on the plan) at a savings of over \$17,000 to the Town. R. Duane felt the Board should grandfather the two current buy outs, and then cease the policy. There was further discussion and **on a Motion** made by D. Kerr; seconded by P. Tiede to maintain the current buyout plan for health insurance, the Board voted: G. Preston, yes; P. Tiede, yes; R. Duane, no; D. Kerr, yes; and E. Tasker, yes.

K. Montgomery informed the Board that Road Agent J. Doucette reported that the loader is overheating and he is having an oil sample done. K. Montgomery will send in a letter with an estimate on the cost of repairs. Jeannie Terry has asked if the Board approved of the traditional third Wednesday in December for the Town Office holiday celebration and they approved the request.

**Old Business:** No old business was discussed.

**Correspondence:** The Board reviewed miscellaneous correspondence.

**On a motion** to go into non-public at 7:00 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (b) made by D. Kerr and seconded by R. Duane; the Board voted: G. Preston, yes; ; P. Tiede, yes; R. Duane, yes; D. Kerr, yes; and E. Tasker, yes. The Board came out of non-public 7:35 p.m. and on a motion by R. Duane seconded by P. Tiede, the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on a motion by E. Tasker, seconded by R. Duane and passing with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Francesca Latawiec, Recording Secretary

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Gordon Preston, Chairman

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Priscilla Tiede, Vice-Chair

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Richard Duane

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David Kerr

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Edward Tasker